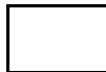


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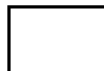
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Political Reporting on Africa - FBIS



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. David Aaron
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Political Reporting on Africa - FBIS

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1. In keeping with our joint efforts to improve political reporting in support of the Intelligence Community, the Department of State, and the NSC Staff, I request your support in efforts to initiate FBIS reporting

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2. FBIS monitoring of foreign radio and press media is a key source of information on political developments around the world

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3. As a result FBIS is dependent on international service broadcasts, Western press agency wirefiles, and delayed receipt of newspapers and periodicals. It is, therefore, unable to provide texts of leader speeches or full and timely reporting on current developments and on what the domestic services are saying to their own people. Watches on these radios during periods of crisis are not possible. Improved coverage and reporting would not only contribute to Washington analysis and policy formulation but also be available to U.S. Missions in support of their operations.

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